

National Weather Service



MEDIA ADVISORY

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New NOAA Weather Radio Station at Denison WNG-668 Broadcasting at 162.550 Mhz

A new NOAA Weather Radio station is now serving parts of seven Iowa counties around Denison. WNG-668 began transmitting weather information on March 29, 2004. The preliminary broadcast-service area includes **Crawford, Carroll, Sac, Ida, Monona and Shelby counties**. A field signal survey will determine the final broadcast service area, which will be announced on a subsequent media advisory.

The new NOAA Weather Radio station is broadcasting from the Crawford County Firefighters radio tower in Denison which is a willing partner in keeping west central Iowa informed about hazardous weather.

NOAA Weather Radio is an all-hazard warning system, and it provides the quickest way to receive National Weather Service emergency messages. Emergency messages include tornado and severe-thunderstorm watches; tornado, severe-thunderstorm, flash-flood, blizzard and high-wind warnings; and civil-emergency messages. All emergency messages are sent using the 1050 Hz tone alert, which will trip those NOAA Weather Radio receivers with a tone alert feature. The messages also contain Emergency Alert System (EAS) codes, which are used by the broadcast media to relay emergency messages to their listeners. NOAA Weather Radios broadcast routine weather information 24 hours a day.

For detailed information about NOAA Weather Radio, including a list of NOAA Weather Radio manufacturers and of NOAA Weather Radio stations serving Iowa and the country, please visit the NOAA Weather Radio section of the National Weather Service, Des Moines, web site at <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/0radio/index.html>.

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